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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.:	09/384,855	Art Unit:	2877
Filed:	August 27, 1999	Examiner:	P. Natividad
Inventor:	Henry Allen Hill, et al.		
For:	INTERFEROMETERS UTILIZING POLARIZATION PRESERVING OPTICAL SYSTEMS		

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in this application on March 3, 2000. The Action set a shortened statutory period for reply, thereby making a response due by June 3, 2000. To extend the shortened statutory period, a request for a two-month extension accompanies this response thereby making it due on or before August 3, 2000. In response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2000, please amend and reconsider this application as follows:

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